# MINUTES OF THE

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, February 9, 2018 • 7:30 a.m. • 25 House Building

**Members Present:** 

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair Rep. Bruce R. Cutler, House Vice Chair

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble Sen. Margaret Dayton Sen. Lincoln Fillmore Sen. Jani Iwamoto

Sen. Peter C. Knudson Sen. Ralph Okerlund Rep. Cheryl K. Acton Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Rep. Brian M. Greene Rep. Ken Ivory

Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Logan Wilde

**Staff Present:** 

Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

House Chair Hutchings called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

## 1.7:30 am: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

#### 2.7:35 am: EOCJ Federal Funds

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, (LFA), discussed the Issue Brief, "EOCJ Federal Funds."

## 3.7:45 am: EOCJ Intent Language

Agenda Item 3 will be heard next meeting.

## 4.7:55 am: EOCJ Agency Fees

Mr. Syphus presented the brief, "State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rate Authorization and Appropriations."

#### 5.8:05 am: Office of the Attorney General - Internal Service Fund

Mr. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, introduced the Attorney General's Internal Service Fund (ISF)

Ms. Kimberly Schmeling, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Attorney General (OAG), introduced Ms. Bridget Romano, Chief Civil Deputy, OAG, and presented their schedule of rates for the ISF. A discussion followed with Ms. Schmeling and committee chairs.

Mr. Wilson resumed his presentation.

Mr. Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General, discussed improvements to his office.

## 6.8:25 am: Division of Juvenile Justice Services - Budget Requests

Mr. Wilson, presented "Potential LFA Options: JJS Audit" and instructed committee members on procedure.

## 6a-Potential LFA Options - JJS Audit

## **6b-JJS** Reductions

Chair Hutchings asked for clarification from Mr. Wilson regarding incarceration rates for juveniles vs. adults. Mr. Wilson resumed his presentation.

Ms. Susan Burke, Director, Juvenile Justice Services, introduced Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services. Ms. Burke distributed and discussed "Impact of Base Budget Reductions." They responded to Chair Hutchings about Item #4, "Reduced demand for community placements." A discussion with committee members followed.

Mr. Wilson offered clarification on Items #4, #6, Day Skills/Gemstone/ALTA transition to private providers.

Chair Hutchings discussed Items #6 and #7, Eliminate Brief Community Interventions - Statewide."

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to remove #4, #6, and #7 from consideration of removal.

Sen. Dayton commented on the subcommittee procedure regarding the JJS audit.

Sen. Thatcher commented on the audit.

**SUBSTITUTE** Rep. Greene moved to leave #4 but remove #6 and #7 from consideration. The Substitute motion failed with a vote of 9 - 5 - 2.

Yeas-9Nays-5Absent-2Rep. C. ActonSen. M. DaytonSen. C. BrambleRep. B. CutlerRep. J. DunniganSen. J. IwamotoSen. L. FillmoreSen. P. KnudsonRep. B. GreeneSen. D. ThatcherRep. E. HutchingsRep. L. Wilde

Rep. K. Ivory Rep. B. King Sen. R. Okerlund Rep. A. Romero

Rep. Acton asked a question about the number of clients served - Ms. Burke responded.

Rep. Ivory asked a question regarding improved accountability and transparency - Ms. Burke responded.

Sen. Okerlund clarified the intent of the Executive Appropriations Committee to look for efficiencies in committee budgets.

Cutler suggested taking numbers #1 through #5 and leave everything else.

Rep. Dunnigan discussed the possibility of using private providers and increase reimbursement to those providers. He suggested maintaining the cuts of #1, #2, #3, and #5 and follow up with legislative language proposed by staff and address the audit that way.

Rep. Greene summed on his motion.

Sen. Thatcher withdrew his underlying motion.

#### **MOTION:**

Rep. Dunnigan moved to maintain the cuts in the Base Budget on Lines #1, #2, #3 and #5 and adopt the "Potential LFA Options: JJS Audit" sheets and request that statutory language be prepared to implement the auditor recommendations as identified in the document from our staff. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 3 - 1.

Yeas-12	Nays-3	Absent-1
Rep. B. Cutler	Rep. C. Acton	Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. M. Dayton	Sen. L. Fillmore	

Rep. B. Greene

Rep. J. Dunnigan Rep. E. Hutchings

Rep. K. Ivory

Sen. J. Iwamoto

Rep. B. King

Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. R. Okerlund

Rep. A. Romero

Sen. D. Thatcher

Rep. L. Wilde

Rep. Noel requested an appropriation for Jail Contracting Costs - \$1,200,000 ongoing.

# 7.9:10 am: Utah Sheriffs Association - Budget Requests

Mr. Reed Richards, Utah Association of Counties, spoke on behalf of the counties and county sheriffs and commented on the importance of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

Sheriff Danny Perkins, Garfield County, discussed programming and jail contracting.

Rep. Dunnigan commented on the importance of having enough treatment programs to serve those who want to participate.

Mr. Richards resumed his presentation requesting - \$1,000,000 - CCJJ to continue screening and \$1,700,000 for Jail Reimbursement

#### 8.9:00 am: Prosecution Council - Domestic Violence

Mr. Robert Church, Director, Utah Prosecution Council, distributed the handout, "UPC, Utah Prosecution Council." and discussed needs for the funds from the Victims of Domestic Violence Services Account

Rep. Romero asked Mr. Church to elaborate on the similarities and differences of domestic violence and sexual assault training.

Mr. Wilson responded to a question from Rep. Ivory regarding the disposition of the training surcharge.

# 9.9:25 am: Legislator Requests for Appropriation

Sen. Adams - Court Security - \$3,000,000.

Sen. Okerlund - Safe Driving Radio Campaign - \$100,000, assisted by Ms. Michele Zabriski, Broadcasters Association.

Sen. Okerlund - Sudden Cardiac Arrest AED Grant - \$250,000, assisted by Mr. Guy Dansie.

Sen. Knudson - State Election Equipment Funding - \$4,500,000 one time plus \$500,000 on going, assisted by Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Utah Association of Counties.

Rep. J. Peterson - Inmate Housing Reform - \$6,200,000 one time for capital needs and \$8,700,000 for personnel.

Rep. Froerer - Home Fire Campaign - \$100,000 one time, assisted by Chief Eric Bauman, Red Cross, Ogden City, and Mr. Doug Bitten, Layton Fire Department

Rep. Froerer - Spark Point - Cottages of Hope - \$300,000 one time and ongoing for one year, assisted by Mr. Andy Watts, Chief of Police, Ogden City and Mr. Jeremy Botelho, Executive Director, Cottages of Hope

Sen. Davis - Costs Associated with Public Safety - \$1,025,000 for equipment and \$2,600,000 for officers (South Salt Lake), and \$1,000,000 (Midvale City), assisted by Mr. Dave Spatafore.

Mr. Spatafore responded to a suggestion by Sen. Thatcher that the Highway Patrol be requested to respond to issues in the cities of South Salt Lake and Midvale due to the homeless population. A discussion followed.

Rep. Handy and Rep. Duckworth - LeRay McAllister Program - \$600,000, assisted by Ms. Amanda Smith, Nature Conservancy District.

Sen. Fillmore - Training for Child Advocacy - \$30,000, assisted by Detective Evan Keller, Sandy City, and Chief of Police Jeff Kjar, South Jordan.

**MOTION:** Senate Chair Thatcher moved to adjourn.

House Chair Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.